

Amendments to the claims (this listing replaces all prior versions):

1-79. (canceled).

80. (previously presented) An audio reproduction system comprising:

(i) an audio source device comprising:

a storage device configured to store a plurality of music files, each music file including at least a first and second type of metadata that characterizes the music file; and

a display for displaying a user interface configured to present a first assemblage of the plurality of music files in a first set groups according to the first type of metadata associated with the music files, and, in response to a user selection of a group in the first assemblage, present a second assemblage of the music files in the selected group, wherein the second assemblage presents the music files in the selected group in a second set of groups according to the second type of metadata associated with the music files in the selected group;

(ii) an enclosure comprising:

a powered speaker;

an interface configured to operably couple the audio source device with the powered speaker; and

control circuitry for receiving control signals; and

(iii) a remote control configured to produce at least a first control signal that controls an operation of the audio source device, wherein the first control signal is received by the control circuitry and transmitted to the audio source device via the interface.

81. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the audio source device further comprises a processor and instructions stored on a computer-readable medium that when executed by the processor cause the processor to assemble the plurality of music files into the first set of groups based on the first type of metadata associated with each respective music file, and assemble the plurality of music files into the second set of groups based on the second type of metadata associated with each respective music file.

82. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 81 further including instructions that cause the processor to detect an addition of a new music file to the plurality of

music files after assembling the plurality of music files into two or more groups, and in response to detection of a new music file, automatically updating the first and second set of groups with the new music file based on first and second type of metadata associated with the new music file.

83. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the first or second type of metadata comprise artist information.

84. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the first or second type of metadata comprise album information.

85. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the first or second type of metadata comprise composer information.

86. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the first or second type of metadata comprise information about music type.

87. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the storage device comprises a hard drive.

88. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the display device comprises a monitor.

89. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the user interface is further configured to present information about a source of audio information.

90. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the user interface is configured to present the first and second type of metadata associated with music files.

91. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 90 wherein the user interface is configured to permit a user to sort music files based on the presented metadata

92-93 (cancelled)

94. (currently amended) An audio reproduction system comprising:

a sound reproduction device comprising at least one speaker;

an interface unit operably coupled to the sound reproduction device;

a music storage device configured to removably connect with the sound reproduction device via the interface unit, the music storage device comprising:

a storage device configured to store a plurality of music files each including at least a first and second type of metadata characterizing the respective music files;

a processor; and

instructions stored on a computer-readable media that when executed, cause the processor to:

assemble the plurality of music files into a first set of groups based on the first metadata associated with each respective music file;

assemble the plurality of music files into a second set of groups based on the second metadata associated with each respective music file;

detect an addition of a new music file to the plurality of music files after assembling the plurality of music files into two or more groups; and

in response to detection of a new music file, automatically update the first and second set of groups with the new music file based on first and second type of metadata associated with the new music file; and

a remote control device configured to transmit at least a first command and a second command ~~commands~~ to the sound reproduction device, wherein the first command is ~~commands~~ received at the sound reproduction device and controls a function ~~control at least some operation~~ of ~~both~~ the sound reproduction device and the second command is received at the sound reproduction device and communicated to the music storage device via the interface and controls a function of the music storage device.

95. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 94 wherein the music storage device comprises a personal computer.

96. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 94 wherein the mass storage device is located within the music storage device.

97. (previously presented) The audio reproduction device of claim 94 wherein the sound reproduction device further comprises a radio tuner.

98. (previously presented) The audio reproduction device of claim 94 wherein the music storage device comprises circuitry for converting a music file to audible sound.

99. (previously presented) The audio reproduction device of claim 94 wherein the sound reproduction device further comprises a housing containing the one or more speakers, and the interface unit is physically integrated within said housing.

100. (previously presented) The audio reproduction device of claim 94 wherein the interface unit is physically connected to the sound reproduction device via a cable.

101. (previously presented) The audio reproduction device of claim 94 wherein the first type of metadata comprises one or more of the following: artist, composer, album, and type of music.

102-104. (cancelled).

105. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the audio source device comprises a computer.

106. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 105 wherein the computer comprises a personal computer.

107. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the storage device comprises a hard drive.

108. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the interface comprises an electrical connector.

109. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the remote control is further configured to produce a second control signal that controls an operation of the powered speaker.

110. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the first control signal comprises a signal instructing the audio source device to skip to the next track.

111. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 109 wherein the first control signal comprises a signal instructing the audio source device to skip to the next track and the second control signal comprises a volume control signal.

112. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the enclosure further comprises a radio tuner.

113. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the interface comprises a physical interface configured to operably couple the audio source device with the powered speaker.

114. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the interface is further configured to removably couple the audio source device with the powered speaker.

115. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 94 wherein the interface unit is configured to receive from the remote control the commands that control operation of the music storage device.

116. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 94 wherein the storage device is configured to receive from the remote control the commands that control operation of both the speaker and the music storage device.

117-121. (cancelled)

122. (currently amended) An audio reproduction system comprising:

(i) a sound reproduction device comprising:

an enclosure;

a powered speaker mounted within the enclosure; and

a radio tuner located within the enclosure;

(ii) an interface device operably coupled to the sound reproduction device;

(iii) an audio source device configured to removably connect to the sound reproduction device via the interface device, the audio source device comprising:

a storage device configured to store a plurality of music files, each music file including at least a first and second type of metadata that characterizes the music file; and

a display for displaying a user interface configured to present a first assemblage of the plurality of music files in a first set groups according to the first type of metadata associated with the music files, and, in response to a user selection of a group in the first assemblage, present a second assemblage of the music files in the selected group, wherein the second assemblage presents the music files in the selected group in a second set of groups according to the second type of metadata associated with the music files in the selected group; and

(iv) a remote control device configured to produce at least a first command and a second command, wherein the first command controls a function control both at least some operation of

the audio source device and ~~at least some operation of the~~ the second command controls a function of the sound reproduction device.

123. (currently amended) The audio reproduction system of claim 122 wherein the interface device is configured to receive ~~at least one~~ the second command from remote control device ~~that controls operation of the audio source device,~~ and transmit the received second command to the audio source device.

124. (currently amended) An audio reproduction system comprising:

(i) a sound reproduction device comprising:

an enclosure;

a powered speaker at least partially located within the enclosure; and

an interface module at least partially integrated within the enclosure;

~~(iii)~~(ii) an audio source device configured to operably connect to the sound reproduction device via the interface module, the audio source device comprising:

a storage device configured to store a plurality of music files, each music file including at least a first and second type of metadata that characterizes the music file; and

a display for displaying a user interface configured to present a first assemblage of the plurality of music files in a first set groups according to the first type of metadata associated with the music files, and, in response to a user selection of a group in the first assemblage, present a second assemblage of the music files in the selected group, wherein the second assemblage presents the music files in the selected group in a second set of groups according to the second type of metadata associated with the music files in the selected group; and

~~(iv)~~ (iii) a remote control device configured to produce both first command and a second command, wherein the first command controls a function ~~control both at least some operation of the audio source device and~~ the second command controls a function ~~at least some operation of the sound reproduction device.~~

125. (previously presented) The audio reproduction system of claim 124 wherein the interface module is configured to provide a physical interface between the sound reproduction system and the audio source device.

126. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 124 wherein the audio source device comprises a computer.

127. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 124 wherein the storage device comprises a hard drive.

128. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 125 wherein the first control signal comprises a signal instructing the audio source device to skip to the next track.

129. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 125 wherein the first control signal comprises a signal instructing the audio source device to skip to the next track and the second control signal comprises a volume control signal.

130. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 125 wherein the enclosure further comprises a radio tuner.

131. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 wherein the first control signal comprises a digital signal when it is transmitted to the audio source device via the interface.

132. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 80, wherein the audio source device is configured to transmit an analog representations of the respective music files to the sound reproduction device via the interface.